



18/19 May 2019-Year C Fifth Sunday of Easter



ST ANTHONY'S PARISH CHURCH 320 Edmondson Ave AUSTRAL 2179

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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5.30pm Vigil (Includes Children's Liturgy during School Term)

Sunday - 7.30am

Sunday - 9am (Includes Children's Liturgy during School Term)

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 9am

Wednesday - 9am

Thursday - 9am

Friday - 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday

4.30 - 5.15pm

Baptisms & Marriages:

By appointment at Presbytery

Anointing: Every 2 months -

check bulletin for dates

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In co-operation with Funeral Directors.

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for He has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations He has shown His deliverance, Alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise Your name for ever, my King and my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, Alleluia.

Dear Parishioners, We celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter

1. Death

When someone we know is diagnosed with serious sickness, we are shocked; and so is the sick person, as we all take in the possibility that he might die.

There is something perplexing about this reaction, isn't there? None of us is getting out of this life alive. And it is foolishness to think that we do not know the time of our death. It is sometime between now and the time when you would be 110 years old. (Who lives past 110?)

So death is inevitable, and we know at least roughly when it will come. The closer you get to 110, the closer it is—though, of course, we also know that you could get hit by a bus today.

Rats!, you might think, this is a truly depressing thought. Why call it to our attention? It is better to be shocked and surprised when it comes.

But listen to the Second Reading. What does it say? When death comes, this is what it brings:

In that new earth, you can be yourself, open, vulnerable, and still totally safe and at ease.

Our Lord himself comes to encourage you to weep over all the hardship of your past life, and then he himself wipes those tears away from your eyes. And there is not only a new heaven, but also a new earth. What do you expect from earth? Well, earth isn't disembodied. Earth is earth—dirt, plants, animals, the whole thing that God created when he created earth, as Genesis explains it to us.

Only this time there will be no pain and suffering. So there may be great sea beasts, as Genesis says (Gen.1:21), but they won't hurt anything; and neither will any of the other animals. If you want to play with lions, what's to stop you?

In fact, even humans won't hurt anything, in that great and wonderful time. Now *that* is a thought hard to take in, isn't it? But, in that new earth, you can be yourself, open, vulnerable, and still totally safe and at ease, because the people around you won't hurt *anything*—not you either.

And all of this is wrapped up in the tender love of the Lord. He himself will welcome you to this new world and to himself by telling you, "Come away, beloved. The winter is past; the flowers appear on the earth!" (Song of Songs 2:10-12)

That joy begins on the other side of death. What is there to fear about this?

6. The Month of May

May devotion is a traditional practice held in the month of May to honor Our Blessed Mother Mary as the 'Queen of May' also known as the Month of Blessed Virgin Mary. Please join us in this year's May devotion in the church with a Holy Rosary prayer. Times are as follows:



Monday: 10.30am

Tuesday – Thursday: 8.40am

Friday: after 9am Mass with exposition of the blessed Sacrament and benediction.

3. First Holy Communion



We ask that you remember our parish children as they begin lessons and preparations for their first Holy communion this week. Thanks to their parents and the Nuns of The New Apostolate Consecrated in the Heart of the Holy Family (our parish Nuns) for their support.



4. Lawn Mowing

The Parish grounds over the past 5 years have been looked after by John Bonanno. John has had a medical procedure and is unable to do the mowing of the parish grounds for several months.

The mowing consists of the Church/Presbytery area, the grass strip along Eleventh Avenue to the parish hall, the grass strip running down Edmondson Avenue and the presbytery (front and back) lawns at 320 Edmondson.

Is there a couple of "dads" with ride-on mowers who would volunteer to keep the parish plant looking good as John has done over the past 5 years. At the moment we only have 2 volunteers.

8. Pentecost

Sunday June 9 is Pentecost Sunday. Prayers of the faithful on that day will be in different languages so, if you are fluent in any language other than English and would like to participate in the Pentecost prayers of the faithful, please indicate your interest through the parish secretary on 9606 0206 or Fr Kene.



6. Our Parish Feast celebration

The feast of St. Anthony of Padua, our parish patronal feast is on June 13 but will be celebrated as a parish community the following Sunday June 16. We ask your prayers and suggestions as we begin planning and preparations for the celebration. Send your suggestions through the parish secretary on 96060206 or Frs Bob and Kene.



7. Legion of Mary

After 9am Mass every Thursday at the church chapel. Please join us.



5. New Rosters

New Rosters for Readers are available this week.



May God Bless you.

Fr Kene



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

20-25 May

L Pecotich, A Mamone,
M Gimellaro, M DeVries



27 May-1 June

D Giubega, L Vitale,
M Garzaniti, R Khattar

READERS ROSTER

18/19 May

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Charlie Cilia

Readers:

Charlie Cilia: 1st Reading

Maja Simat: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Pisani

Readers:

Margaret Pisani: 1st Reading

Chris Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Frances Musso

Readers:

Frances Musso: 1st Reading

Mica Pace: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

25/26 May (6th Sunday of Easter)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Sarah Casha

Readers:

Sarah Casha: 1st Reading

David Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Readers:

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Maria Zucco

Readers:

Maria Zucco: 1st Reading

Faye Palamara: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

18/19 May

Saturday Vigil

Veronica & Sarah Casha



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Frances Musso

25/26 May

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Cheryl McKell

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Faye Palamara

ACOLYTES ROSTER

18/19 May

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

25/26 May

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

18 May

F Hockings & V Bugeja

25 May

Sarah & V Casha



9am Sunday

NURSING HOME ROSTER

19 May

Lina & Faye

31 May

Mass

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Greeting Convention of the International Catholic-Jewish Liaison Committee, Francis Says 'One Never Errs in Seeking Dialogue'

Pope Francis has encouraged Catholics and Jews to continue working together, especially in efforts to combat Anti-Semitism and persecution of Christians around the world.

The Holy Father did so in his greeting delivered to the participants in the 24th Convention of the "International Catholic Jewish Liaison Committee" (ILC).

"Our strength is the strength of the encounter, leading to certain quarters today, which leads to conflict only," he stressed in the message, underscoring: "One never errs in seeking dialogue."

The Roman Pontiff offered encouragement for a "better understanding" of one another and "to work together in a climate friendly environment."

Applauding their efforts to promote Jewish-Catholic dialogue, the Holy Father prayed their gathering be "an encounter in peace and for peace."

"May the blessing of the Most High with you, grant the tenacity of gentleness and the courage of patience. Shalom!" he said.

Here is the Vatican-provided English text of the Pope's message:

Dear Friends,

I offer you warm welcome and I thank you for everything you do. Your gathering is something like a general assembly of all those professionally engaged in Jewish-Catholic dialogue. I am grateful to the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations (IJCIC), to the Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, to make a possible meeting.

From the promulgation of *Nostra Aetate* until now, Jewish-Catholic dialogue has borne good fruit. We share a rich spiritual patrimony that can and must be more esteemed and appreciated as we grow in mutual understanding, fraternity and shared commitment on behalf of others. In this regard, your Meeting aims to help develop points of convergence and to promote a greater degree of cooperation. It is fitting, too, that you are dealing with the problem of anti-Semitism, and about the persecution of Christians in various parts of the world. To say nothing of the state of Jewish-Catholic dialogue in Italy and in Israel, and its broader prospects.

I offer you encouragement, for a better understanding of one another and to work together in a climate friendly environment. Our strength is the strength of the encounter, leading to certain quarters today, which leads to conflict only. One never errs in seeking dialogue. Scripture points out that "deceit is in the mind of those who plan evil, but those who counsel peace have joy" (Prov 12:20). I pray that your gathering may be an encounter in peace and for peace. May the blessing of the Most High with you, grant the tenacity of gentleness and the courage of patience. Shalom!





Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Bishop confronts Labour leader
- She's 105? NO way! Meet Sr Eymard
- "Be my Priest"
- Remembering Les Murray
- Movie Review: Ugly Dolls

Please put \$2 in the poor box

CHOSEN CONFERENCE

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9

The Chosen Conference is a national conference for youth and young adults between 18 - 30 years old, organised by Jesus Youth, an International Catholic Association with a focus on evangelising young people and nurturing their missionary initiatives. We invite you to join us from the 4th - 7th July 2019 at Sacred Heart Girl's College Melbourne for 4 power-packed days of youth rallies, up-lifting talks, workshops, theatre, Eucharistic celebrations, vocation & mission expo and live music. For registrations please

visit www.chosenconference.org.au.

For further information, queries or group registration please contact info@chosenconference.org.au or call us at 0491 002 081



**Friday 26 & Saturday 27 July 2019
University of Notre Dame, Sydney**

Keynote Speakers

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP
Kevin Donnelly

- Monica Doumit | Author at the Catholic Weekly**
- Archbishop Julian Porteous | Archdiocese of Hobart**
- Matthew & Julie McDonald | Life Marriage and Family Office, Melbourne**
- Katrina Zeno | St John Paul II Resource Centre, Phoenix ,Arizona**
- John Shay | Natural Fertility Services, Cairns**
- Simon & Madeleine Carrington | Fire Up Ministries, Sydney**
- Bishop Michael Kennedy | Bishop of Armidale**
- Derek & Karen Boylen | Life Marriage and Family Office, Perth**
- Noel Mifsud | Catholic Schools Education, NT & SA**
- Dr Byron & Francine Pirola | Marriage Resource Centre**

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Ivan Gavranovic (Fr Zvonimir's brother), Fr John Pearce CP (former Pasionist PP Marrickville)

Anniversaries: Charlie Vella, Maurice Low, John Bonanno, Victoria Bonanno, Joe Bonnano.

Also for: Special Intention

We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for:

Paul Farnsworth, David Angeles, Fred Pjanic, Marie Gough, Chris Smith, Paul Galea, Herb Herman, Michael Jasenko, Antoinette Grotto

Parish Hall for Hire

The Parish Hall has had a make-over, as those who have worked in it can testify.

The room has been painted, splash tiles around the sink area, a new oven and the cupboards have been repaired.

Parishioners are welcome to hire the hall for family celebrations, baptism parties, wedding anniversaries and birthday parties for children up to age 10.

Teenage parties may be an issue so the parish will NOT hire out to these events.

The cost of hire is: \$450 plus a bond of \$100 that will be returned as long as the Hall is left clean & tidy with no damages.

Anyone interested in hiring the hall should contact the parish secretary for the rental agreement and the hirer's responsibility using the hall.

Healing After Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgemental environment. Rachel's Vineyard offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au. The retreats for 2019 will be held at Varroville, NSW on Oct 25-27. Brochures are in the church or see the website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

"Of life and Love" Marriage Preparation Courses

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is offering marriage preparation courses for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of marriage. Each course will be held over 3 consecutive Wednesdays. 2019 dates are: October 16, 23, 30.

To book online visit <https://www.trybooking.com/ZWSU> or please contact us at LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org

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One Decade Rosary Booklets

Please feel free to take the Chain of Mary one decade Rosary booklet and pray it each day with faith and devotion. Ask for any grace you need and Mother Mary will listen to you. Write your name and intentions in the book provided on the table at the back of the church and once a week Mass will be offered for you and your intentions.

For any enquiries please call
Sr-in-Christ Rosa
Ph: 96067571



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MORNINGS

This service is for family and friends who grieve the loss of a loved one and the changes that loss makes in one's life.

Morning tea is provided in a relaxed and caring setting.

For further information contact:
Bereavement support Ph: 02 9646 6908 or email: bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

If you or a friend are in need of such support please ring and attend the session

Sessions held: Every Third Wednesday of the Month from 10am-1pm.



KID'S CORNER

Q. Where does a cow stay on vacation?

A. A moo-tel.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

The Safeguarding Office appreciates all of the support that you provide to ensure those who have suffered abuse are able to receive the correct help and support they need.

Kind regards

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Using the Parish Toilets

Anyone using the Church toilets are asked to **PLEASE DO NOT** place nappies, hand towels, wet ones or anything other than toilet paper in the toilets.

We have had some problems with nappies in the toilets previously, so parents please dispose of your nappies appropriately. As you would in your own homes.

PARISH CENSUS FORM (PCF)

Have you filled in a PCF which can be found on the table behind the pews.

Why? It's important that we have your details if we need to contact you.

Please fill in the Census Form found on the table behind the pews and leave in the Census Box.

Legion of Mary

On the day before Jesus went up to Heaven, the last thing He told His disciples was to go and tell everybody what He has been telling them: to spread the gospel message, to speak of the love that God has for each one of us, to make known His infinite mercy and the need to repent.

The last news that came from Rome is that the church is putting the evangelisation work as the number one priority of the church's mission, before any other work, and Pope Francis always emphasised that the church is missionary by nature.

100 years ago Frank Duff also realised the importance of this work and that's why he started the Legion of Mary, to evangelise the Irish of all people, but now the Legion of Mary went all over the world and even it came to Austral at long last. Austral is no different to any other part of the World, most of our catholic friends only come to Mass Christmas and Easter or some other special occasion, yet they should be here every week same like us, and we are the ones to whom Jesus said to go and preach the Gospel to everyone. In the Legion of Mary we are encouraged to practise what we preach, but if we are not in the Legion we still have a part to play. Jesus told all His disciples not just a certain group, to spread His message. Let me make a suggestion, next time an opportunity comes up try to encourage someone to come to Church, or to say the Rosary, or to go to confession, say something beautiful about your faith, and if nobody turns up to hear your message say a prayer for the missionaries, for our priests and nuns, and for the legion of Mary too!

If you like to meet people, if you like to pray, if you are a cheerful person, if you like to make a difference to your life and to the lives of other people, do come along and see how you like us, it might be a bit of a sacrifice, but look at the sacrifice God made for you, and don't forget to bring the Rosary beads with you. God Bless.

The Bishop's Blend

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday, 27 May 2019 at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblendeighthedition.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

Aquinas Symposium 2019

The Dominican friars of Sydney invite you to explore the wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas during a day symposium to be held at Notre Dame University and St. Benedict's Church, Broadway on Sunday May 26th (10.30am-4pm). It will commence with 10.30am Mass at St. Benedict's followed by three presentations on the life and work of St. Thomas. The day will also include lunch and an interactive trivia competition. The cost is by donation though RSVP is required by Monday May 20th: aquinasevents@gmail.com.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

The second All Saints Parish Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to support the Cancer Council will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 22 May, 10am-1pm. Please mark the date in your calendar. The inaugural event last year not only raised over \$10000 but drew our diverse community together in a spirit of generosity and service for a cause that affects us all. We hope to build on last year's success.